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Atty Docket No: **HOPE-P001**  
Client Ref:

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**HOPE *et al.***

**Application No: 09/382,088**

**Filed: August 24, 1999**

**Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR PROTECTING ORGANS, TISSUE AND  
CELLS FROM IMMUNE SYSTEM-  
MEDIATED DAMAGE**

Examiner: **GERALD R. EWOLDT**

Art Unit: **1644**

Confirmation No: **4793**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period for response by 3 months.  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.